

## **Rockford Area Transportation Study (RATS) Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan Survey**

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### **Background Information**

Significant changes in land use development patterns are occurring in the Rockford-Belvidere area. Recently, citizen expectations for an improved quality of life, including a desire for healthy and environmentally friendly opportunities to walk and to bicycle, have created the need for a pedestrian/bicycle plan to help meet the present and future needs of the communities.

The Rockford Area Transportation Study (RATS) has initiated an effort to update the bicycle and pedestrian elements of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

In order to develop this plan, RATS is conducting a survey of municipal staff and community leaders throughout the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). We seek your cooperation in our efforts to get your opinion concerning bicycle and pedestrians facilities in your community.

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### **Pedestrian Facilities**

- 1) Attached is a map identifying where sidewalks appear to be lacking along arterial and collector streets in your community. Please verify that the map accurately represents the existing conditions. Please mark any omissions and/or incorrect identifications, including any additional known gaps.

#### *Operation and Maintenance*

- 2) Is the municipality responsible for the maintenance of existing sidewalks?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
    - a) If yes, does this include snow removal?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
  - 3) Does the municipality have a policy that requires snow removal by property owners?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
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### **Bicycle Facilities**

- 1) Attached is a map indicating current shared use paths. Please verify that the existing conditions are identified correctly. If known, please mark any omissions and/or incorrect descriptions or placements.

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- 2) Does your municipality install bicycle racks and/or storage facilities?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- a) If so, at what types of locations have they been provided?

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- b) If not, are there specific locations where they should be placed?

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### Regulations and Policy

- 1) Attached is a brief summary of development regulations within the RATS Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) concerning pedestrians and bicycles. Please confirm that the regulations for your community are described accurately.

(See Tables One, Two, and Three)

- 2) Attached is a brief summary of current traffic regulations that affect pedestrians and bicycles within the MPA. Please confirm that these statements represent the most up to date policies for your community and if necessary, identify any changes.

(See Tables Four and Five)

- 3) Attached is a brief summary of current comprehensive plans for the Rockford-Belvidere Metropolitan Area. Please confirm that the information is accurate for your community and if necessary, identify any corrections.

(See Table Six)

- 4) Does your community record pedestrian and bicyclist incidents within accident data reports?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, can the information be provided?

☐ Yes ☐ No

## Funding

- 1) a) Does your community dedicate transportation funds to rebuild and to construct new sidewalks?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- b) If so, what is the annual amount of transportation funds spent on sidewalk construction? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per year

What is the source of this funding?

- 2) Does your community dedicate transportation funds to bicycle improvements?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- a) If so, what is the annual amount of transportation funds spent on bicycle improvements? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year

What is the source of this funding?

The results of this survey will be compiled and included in the RATS Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. On September 16, 2006, RATS will be hosting a morning bike ride and an afternoon workshop to discuss these results and to gather input on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. If you are interested in attending:

*Please RSVP to Leslie Kirchler, T.Y. Lin International, at 773-792-9000 or lkirchler@tylin.com by September 14, 2006.*

General Comments:

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